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National Parks & Wildlife Advisory Council

Meeting summary – Sydney, 23 – 25 May 2022

The National Parks and Wildlife Advisory Council provides the Minister for Environment and Heritage and the NPWS executive with independent, informed advice on the priorities, design and evaluation of NPWS policies, strategies and programs to help achieve the objects of the National Parks and Wildlife Act. Council also plays a key advocacy role through engagement with stakeholder organisations. The Council met in Sydney on Monday 23, Tuesday 24 and Wednesday 25 May 2022.

The meeting commenced with the Chair, Cr Phyllis Miller, providing a summary of her recent meeting with the Minister for Environment and Heritage, the Hon. James Griffin; involving discussion of the Minister's priorities and Council's expertise, commitment and advocacy networks.

Council focussed attention on its strategic advisory role and reviewed key aspects of new Council procedures to streamline the development of plans of management following recent changes to the NPW Act. Council also discussed processes to maintain and build important relationships with NPWS Regional Advisory Committees.

NPWS officers facilitated Council discussion and recommendations on:

- The Draft amendment to the Kosciusko National Park Plan of Management - Snowy 2.0
- The NPWS Cycling strategy, policy and guidelines
- Update on park management policies
- NPWS's 2022-23 plan of management program.

Council visited Royal National Park on Tuesday 24 May to be briefed on conservation initiatives and park management issues, including:

- Precinct and campground rehabilitation, coastal protection works and infrastructure investment
- Ecological health monitoring program, aiming to improve the health of NSW national parks by tracking key ecological indicators
- Species reintroduction planning
- Reserve management, including maximising visitor experiences during high visitation periods and in multiple recreation use areas
- Pest management programs and stakeholder engagement.

Council visited and explored heritage values and park management issues at Wattamolla, Bonnie Vale and Audley precincts.



Council deliberating on management issues at Wattamolla and Audley Dance Hall
More information www.environment.nsw.gov.au/NPWS/NPWSAdvisoryCouncil.html

Council members

Cr Phyllis Miller OAM (Chairperson): Experience in planning and local government, nominated by Local Government NSW

Mr Ted Rowley (Deputy Chairperson): Expertise and experience in rural and regional development and planning issues.

Assoc Prof Rosemary Black: Expertise and experience in environmental education and community involvement in environmental education.

Mr Brian Everingham: Expertise in non-government organisations concerned with the conservation of nature, nominated by NSW National Parks Assoc.

Cr Romola Hollywood: Experience in planning and local government, nominated by Local Government NSW

Mr Paul Knight: Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Advisory Committee member

Assoc Prof Julie Old: Scientific qualifications in an area associated with the conservation of nature.

Ms Cathy Parsons: Expertise and experience in bush fire management.

Ms Bronwyn Petrie: Expertise and experience in agriculture and rural issues, nominated by the NSW Farmers' Association

Mr Craig Thomas: Representing peak recreational bodies.

Ms Dianne Thompson OAM: Expertise in non-government organisations concerned with the conservation of nature, nominated by the Nature Conservation Council of New South Wales.

This newsletter can be downloaded [HERE](#)



UPDATE - New entry category!!!

This is what you guys have been waiting for. A chance to win a prize for your "work in progress" or "fixer upper" project car.

"It's fine - it'll buff out" - this is for the cars that can't win in the "best of" categories.

Entry gets you in for a chance to win a prize, you get to support your Association and local charities. Entry gets you on site parking as well.

Enter your vehicle for a chance to win a medal for best in show.

Choose the section based on your year of manufacture

- Pre 1980 - Prior to January 1980
- Best 1980's - January 1980 to December 1989
- Best 1990's - January 1990 to December 1999
- Best Post 2000 - January 2000 onwards

All entries are eligible to win

- Best Tourer - set up for touring this great country of ours.
- Toughest Rig - capable, no nonsense cars that can get out of anything.
- Peoples Choice - most votes on the day.
- It'll Buff Out - for project cars or ones that need a bit of love.

- Work Hard, Play Hard - for Tradies and vehicle based jobs.
- www.adventureshowandshine.com.au

Bert Oldfield Public School - (BOPS) on July 10th 2022.

Cnr of Oldfield Road and Wallpark Avenue Seven Hills NSW.

PLEASE NOTE: No tickets at the gate. **Display tickets are exclusively sold online \$15.**

Spectators - gold coin donation at the gate.

Please be mindful that this is Sunday morning, keep volume low until you are on the school grounds.

- Display Vehicles access only from Oldfield Road Entry 7.30 - 8.30 am.
- Exhibitor Vehicle access only from Oldfield Road Entry 7.30 - 8.45 am.
- Pedestrian Access only from Oldfield Road after 9am.
- **No visitor parking on site**, please park in surrounding streets.

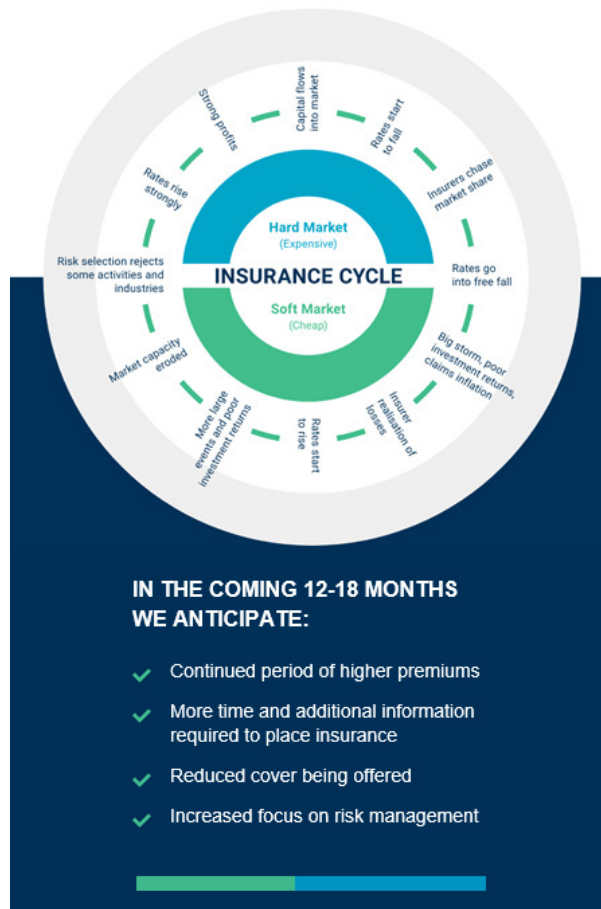
TRADE STANDS

- ARB
- Polaris
- GME
- Getabout Training Services
- Torqit
- Terry Leader Engineering
- Breakfast BBQ \$5, Café 2 U on site. - no eftpos on site.

CLUB Displays welcome - email or call Maggie for more info 0438 555 387 office@4wdnow.com

LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

The Insurance Industry, we believe, is at 10 o'clock on the Insurance Clock. How long it remains there largely depends on the frequency and severity of future catastrophic events and general profitability. With catastrophes becoming more frequent and more costly, we believe average premium increases will remain in the range of 8%-12% over the next 12 months. The exact increases will be influenced by industry sector, geographic location, prior claims experience and approach to risk management.



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From: NPWS Park Planning Mailbox <npws.parkplanning@environment.nsw.gov.au>

Sent: Friday, May 20, 2022 10:35 AM

Subject: Adoption of the Bents Basin State Conservation Area and Gulguer Nature Reserve Plan of Management

I am pleased to advise the Minister for Environment and Heritage recently adopted a plan of management for Bents Basin State Conservation Area (SCA) and Gulguer Nature Reserve (NR) under the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974*. The adopted plan will guide the management of the parks' significant natural and cultural values, visitor use and park operations.

The parks are located on the Nepean River south of Wallacia in western Sydney and covers an area of approximately 470 hectares, including the new Tara Block addition. The park is within the traditional Country of the Dharug, Dharawal and Gundungurra language groups who retain a connection to this Country and surrounding lands.

NPWS received a small number of submissions which resulted in minor changes to the final plan. These changes included clarifying information provided in the plan about visitor facilities, cycling and flood risks. These submissions.

The Bents Basin SCA and Gulguer NR Plan of Management is able to be viewed online [here](#).



Clean Up Australia event in the Hunter

Members from Port Hunter 4x4 Club, Newcastle & Districts 4WD Club, Gold Eagle 4WD Club & Land Rover Owner Club joined forces for a Hunter Region Clean Up Australian event on the 5th of June. Working with Forestry Corp. for the annual event, we stepped up to clean up Wallaroo State Forest. Rangers from Port Stephens Council came along to look for any clues that may uncover the illegal dumping offenders.

Lounges, tyres, car parts, building materials and general household rubbish was amongst our large haul. Which tallied to over 11.5 Tonnes plus 105 tyres.

The Forestry team are extremely grateful for the continued hard work of the club members to make a difference in local forests.



Fish-level perspective of Homestead Fishway, demonstrating a consistent drop in water level that

allows fish to easily and quickly ascend upstream or downstream.

Credit: Dr Matthew Gordos, DPI Fisheries.

Commissioning the Homestead Dam fishway, bridge and weir in the Toorale State Conservation Area

The Toorale Water Infrastructure Project team is excited to report that the new Homestead Dam fishway, bridge and weir on the Warrego River have been commissioned at Toorale State Conservation Area, near Bourke.

Toorale, a former agricultural property, was purchased with the Australian Government in 2008 to protect its outstanding environmental and cultural values.

The new weir and rock ramp-style fishway have replaced 2 gated regulator pipes. These works – along with the earlier removal of Peebles Dam and nearly completed construction of a vertical slot fishway at Boera Dam – will significantly improve fish habitat connectivity within the lower Warrego River and the Baaka (Darling) River. A range of fish species and ages can now pass over a previously significant barrier to their upstream movement.

For more information, see the [webpage](#) or [email](#) to be added to the mailing list for project updates.



Pelican colony at Lake Brewster, Lachlan. Credit: Warren Chad

The pelican brief

With most lakes, dams and wetlands full and aquatic life booming, pelicans have come to inland NSW to feed and breed.

Pelicans like to breed in large groups (called colonies) and nest on ground surrounded by water to protect their chicks from predators. Two large colonies of many thousands of pelicans have been nesting in the bottom reaches of the Lachlan and Murrumbidgee rivers.

Environmental water holders have been working with scientists, water managers and First Nations to keep water levels stable at breeding sites. If water-levels go too high the chicks can be drowned; too low and the nests are exposed to predators.

It is also vital that nests are in an area with a ready supply of food, as it takes 4 months for chicks to become totally independent. Pelican chicks can eat up to 900 grams of food each day, while an adult can consume close to 2 kilograms. Their fishy diet is supplemented with tadpoles, turtles and even other birds! Breeding seasons like these are vital for preserving pelican populations across Australia.

You can see more about pelican breeding at an ABC News story [here](#) and follow the Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#)

Need a ZOOM meeting?

Do you need a zoom meeting for your club?

You are welcome to use the Association account.

Please email Maggie with date, start time and duration.

office@4wdnow.com

This newsletter is written using information provided by relevant parties.

If I write something that mentions "me or I" and there is no signature after it then it is a message from me.

If you would like something to be added on behalf of your club

please email office@4wdnow.com.

Anything can be included as long as it's club based and for the benefit of clubs.

The newsletter is monthly (about the first of each month) but we can do an extra "special" if there is something that is important that we missed.

- Maggie Thomas.

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